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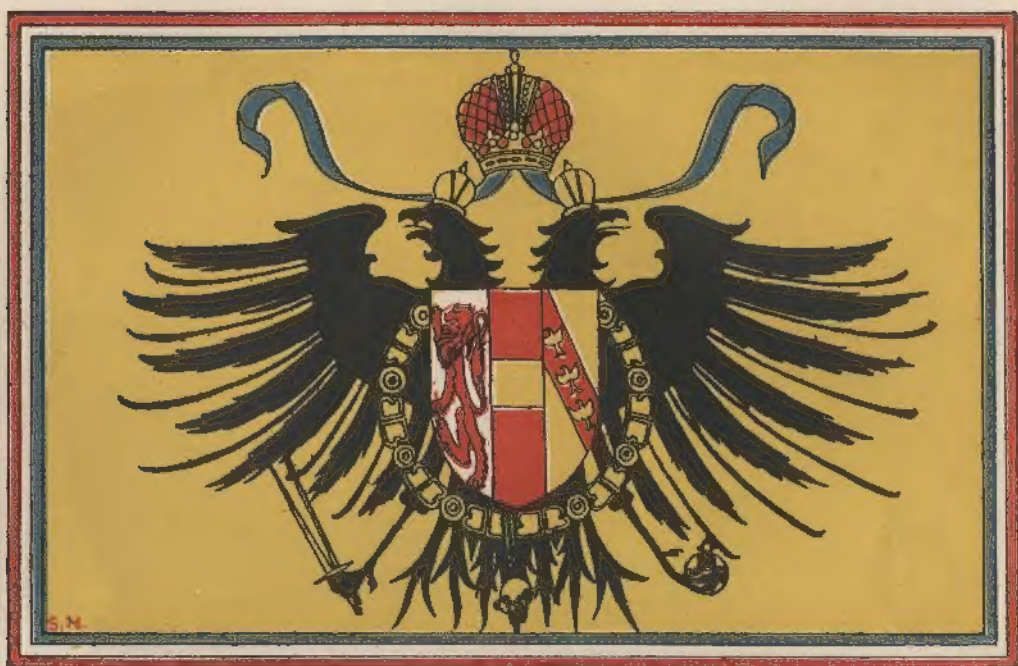
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Little Robin, safe at home ~~and~~
 And not quite four years old,
 What's the War to you ~~and~~
 But a funny tale that's told +
 And pictures to be looked at ~~and~~
 And words to be explained ~~and~~
 When you've sometimes had to ~~be~~
 stay indoors
 'Cos Mummy said it rained? ∴

Fast fly the years for little boys
And soon will you forget
The shadowy hours recorded here
In tinkling alphabet.
But keep the book. One day
your sons
Shall glory to be told
You saw these pictures, heard these
rhymes—
When you were three years old.

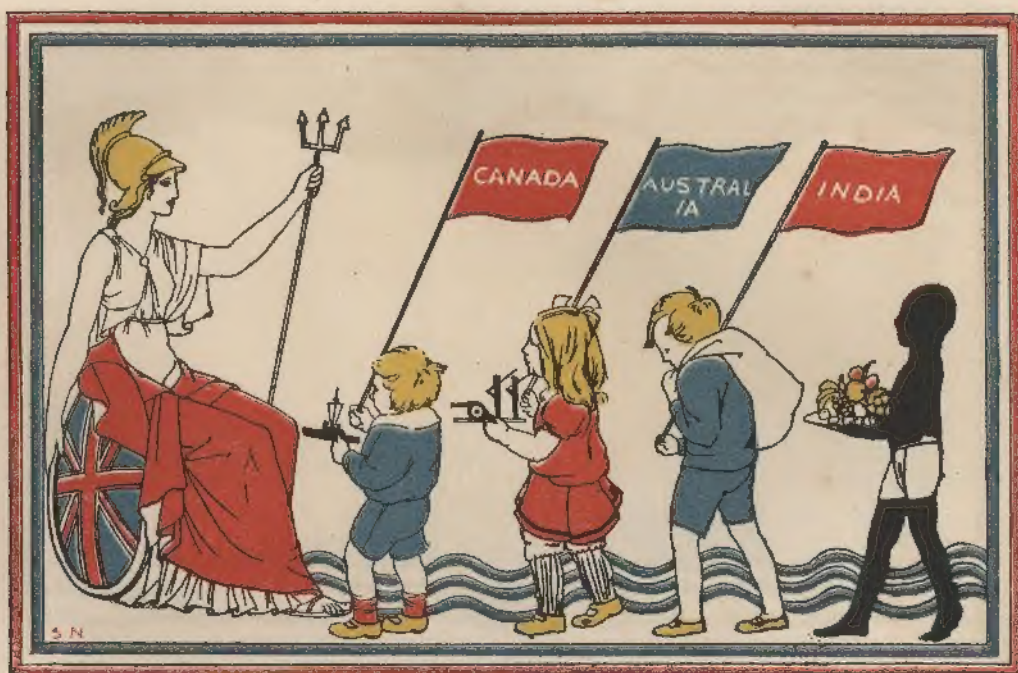


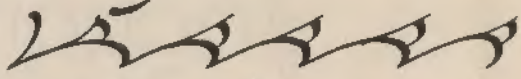
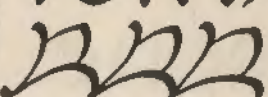


A stands for Aus-
tria, where first
was hurled. zzzzz
The Bomb that was
destined to startle
the world zzzzzzzzzzz



B is for Belgium,
brave little state
So valiant for
Honour so reckless
of Fate ∞—oooo—oooo



C's for our Col-
onies, loyal and
true 
Bringing help to
their mother from 
over the blue 



D stands for Dread-
nought, the first
of a class
Of terrible battleships
none may surpass 2



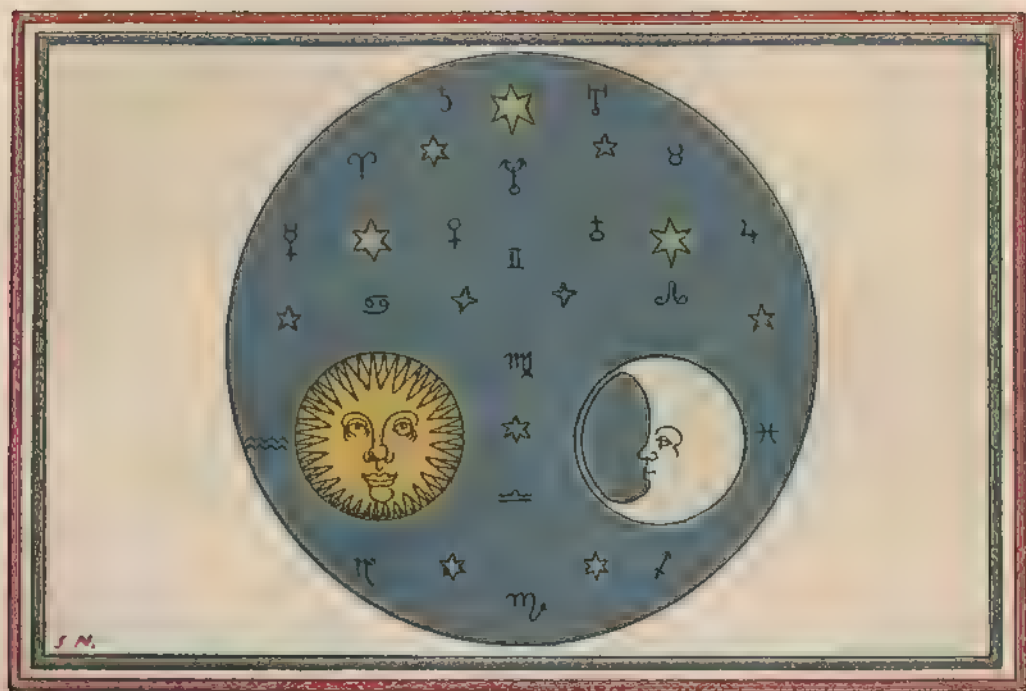
That's for England,
true to her trust
Peaceful, yet ready
to fight when she
must.



F stands for France,
 our gallant Ally; &
 With her and the
 Russias, we'll Triumph
 or Die :: :: :: :: ::



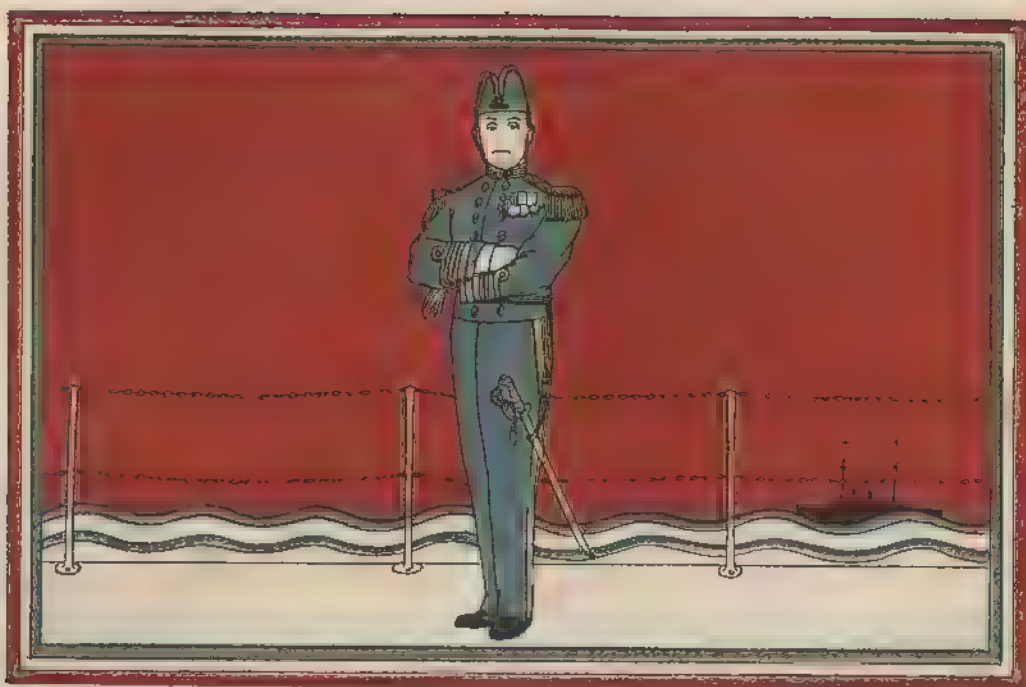
G's for King George
the fifth of *hmm*
that name *h h h*
The Crown and the
Guardian of England's
Fair Fame. *~~~~~*



His for Heaven—
 starry above ∴
 And reminding
 us all of God's ~ ~ ~
 Kingdom of Love. ♫



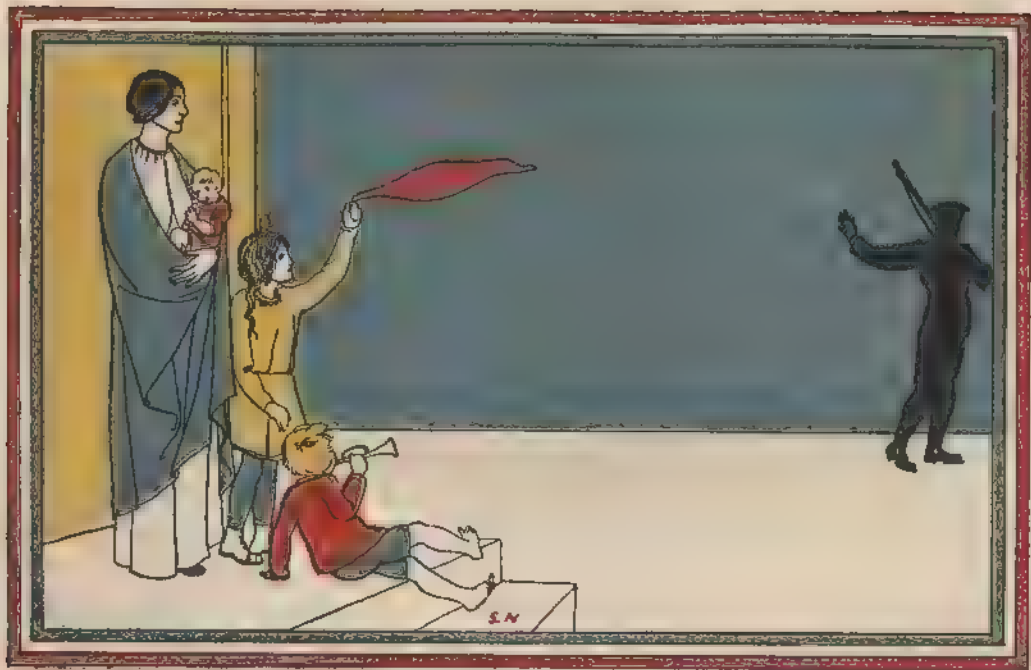
I the Impiety that
hopes to crown
Force as the Lord:
to whom all must
bow down. ~~~~~



Jstands for Jellicoe,
Admiral so brave,
First of our Sailors
who fight on the
Wave.~~~~~



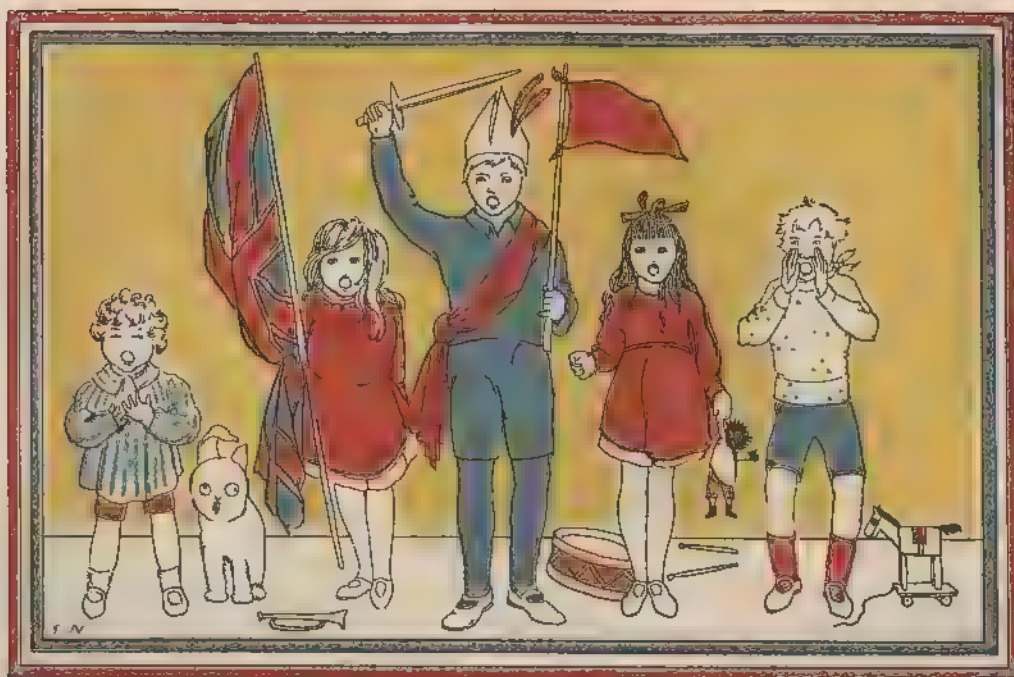
Kis our Kitchener,
Lord of Khartum
Planner of Ven-
geance, Schemer
of Doom. —:—:—:—:—:



L is the Life we *re*
 are ready to *~*
 give *ooo—ooo*
 That what we love
 more may continue
 to live. *x x x x x x x*



M's for the Mines-
that the Enemy
scatter *iiiiiii*
In the hope that our
ships they may wan-
tonly shatter.



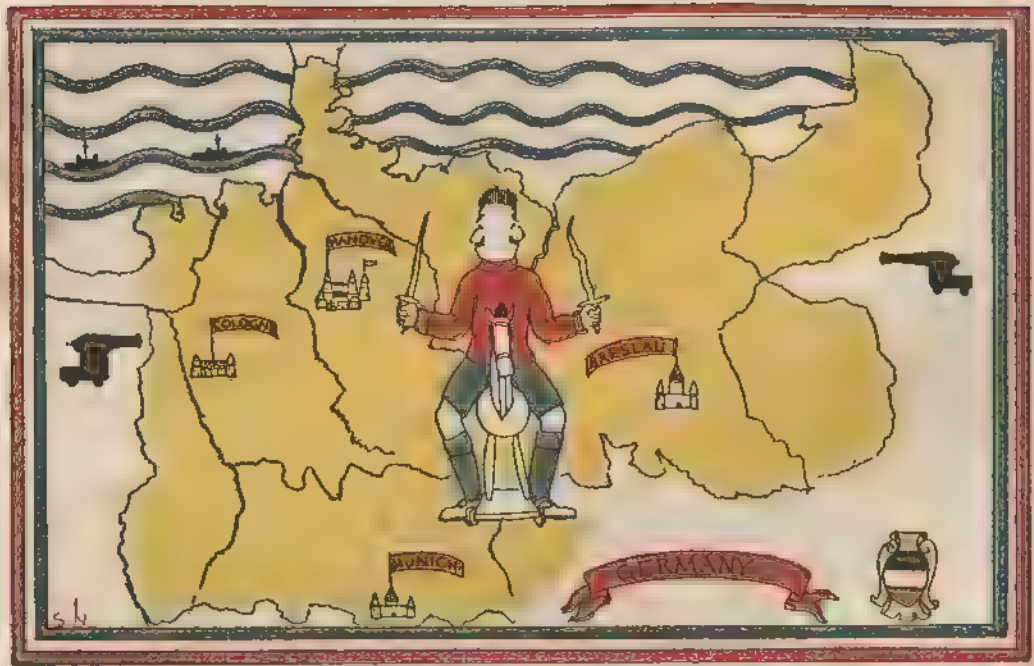
N's for the "NO"
 that from lips **r**
 roundly parted
 Comes when we ask
 ourselves "ARE ∴ WE ∴
 DOWNHEARTED" **r**



O for our Officers
 brilliant and
 daring, ~~~~~
 Leading their men
 and their dangers ~~~~~
 all sharing ~~~~~



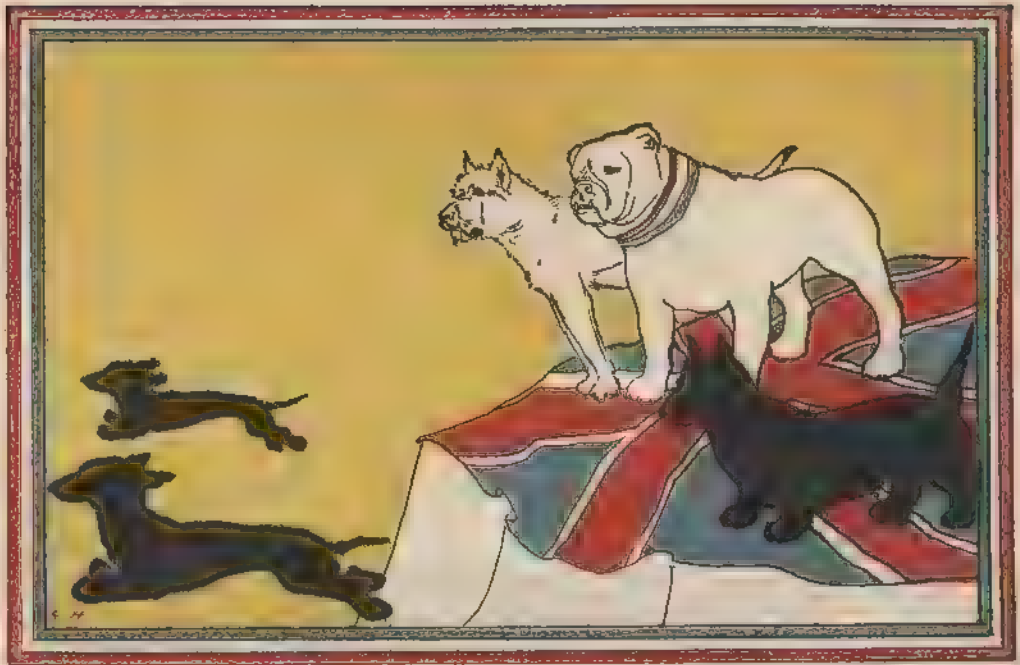
P for the Private R,
 God bless him &
 say I, L L L L L L
 And safe bring him
 home from the war
 by-and-by.



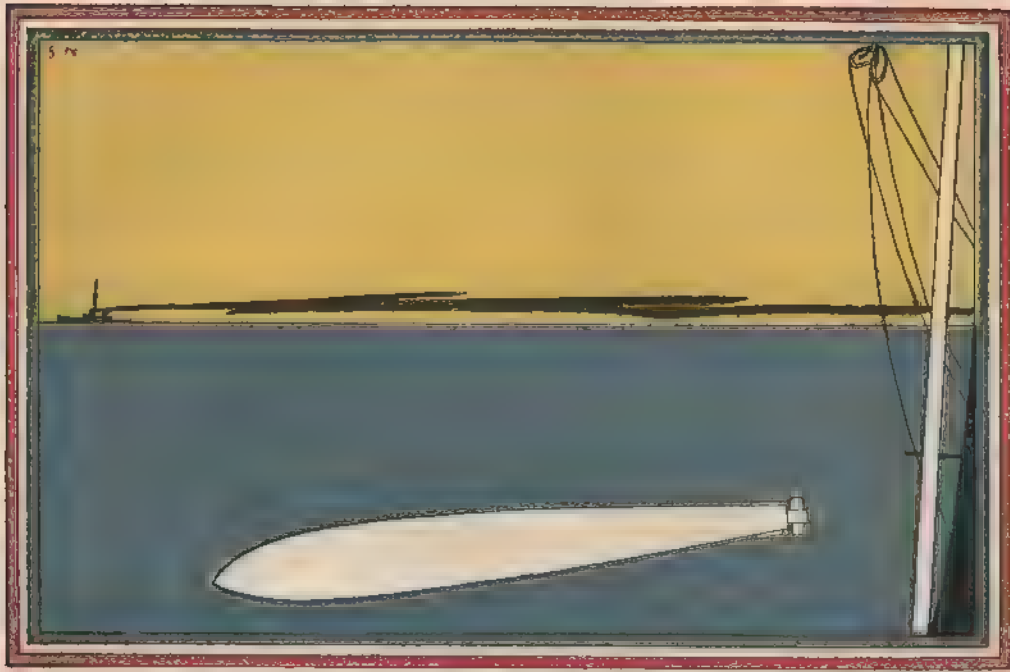
Qs the Quand-
 ary that Ger-
 many's in a
 With two frontiers
 to guard, two cam-
 paigns to win.



R for the Red Cross
 sweet symbol of
 cheer, + + + + +
 To the wounded in Δ
 battle—most welcome
 most dear. $\nabla \nabla \nabla \nabla$



S the Surprise of
those Germans
benighted. ~ ~ ~
When they found ~
that Old England ~
stood firm & united ~



T for Torpedo. It
shoots under
water. ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪
Dealer of death and
disaster & slaughter.



U's for the Uhlans,
 the Kaiser's dread
 Swarm. *z...z...z...z...*
 Of black-hearted Cav-
 alry, swift as the *zz*
 storm *hoooo hoooo hoooo*



Vis the Vistula—
River of Prus-
sia. Over it  
gallop the Cossacks,
from Russia

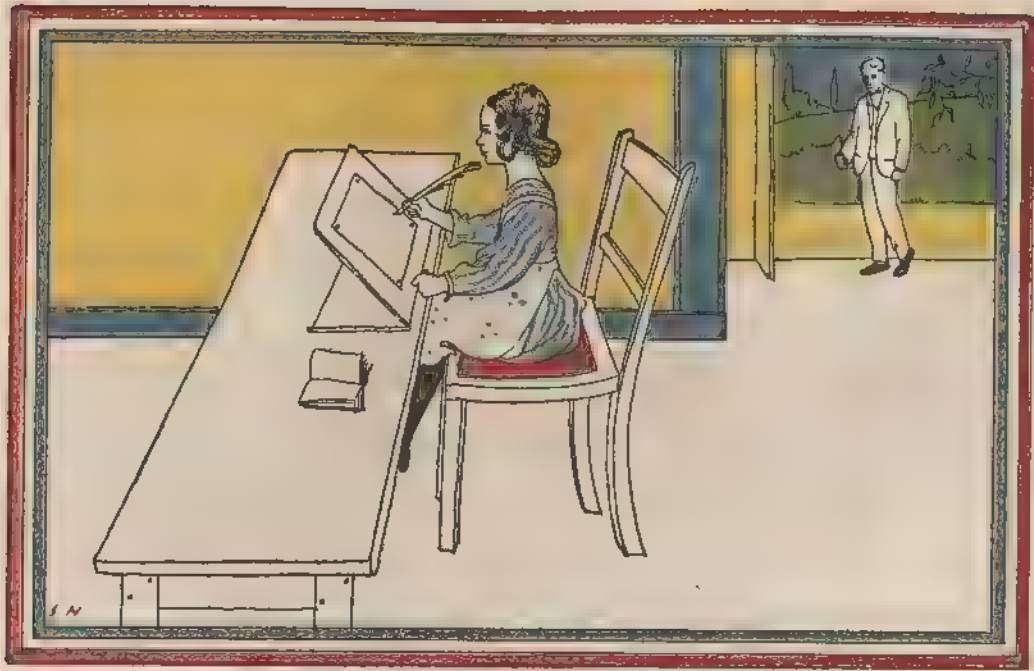


W for the Women
who dauntlessly
send Husband,
lover, or son, and hope
on to the end ʒ ʒ ʒ ʒ



X stands for Xmas,
the Season of
Peace.

Pray God ere it come
again the war may
cease ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪



Y's You and Me.~
Well, whatever
our task, ~ ~ ~
Proudly we'll do it.~
No more can we ask.



Zends the Alpha
 -bet - also my
 story ʘ ʘ ʘ ʘ
 To our arms be the
 Might, and to God ʘ
 be the Glory. ʘ ʘ ʘ

✧ ENVOY ✧

for Paul

The book is done, so put it away 12
On the shelf for another day. 22
Now it's time to go to bed 000-
Time to rest that sleepy head.

.....

But before you close your eyes, 12
Let one thought of thanks anse
To the men who bravely keep 12
England safe while children sleep.



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